1296-015

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of   )
)
Rocheleau, John W.   )
)   Art Unit: 3629
Serial No.: 09/764,473   )   Examiner: Dunwoody, A..
)
Filed: January 17, 2001   )
)
For: PIPE FLANGE AND   )
        PIPING SYSTEM   )

RECEIVED
JAN 1 1 2002
GROUP 3600

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C., 20231

Sir:

1. My name is John W. Rocheleau of 82 Warren Street, Apt. #2, Concord, NH 03301and I am
    the sole inventor of the above-referenced patent application.

2. I declare that the invention claimed in the present application has been licensed to Taco, Inc.,
    of Cranston, RI. Taco is the largest manufacturer and distributor of circulators in the United
    States and has been manufacturing and selling flanges under this license for over eighteen
    months.

1

3. I declare that I spent three years and over $100,000 in developing tools to solve the problem solved by the present invention. This development resulted in 5 patent applications being filed and numerous prototypes being developed. It was not until after this development that I conceived of the claimed invention.

4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any application or patent issuing thereon.

_10/7/01_
Date

John W. Rocheleau
John W. Rocheleau